

2016 State Elections and Voter Registration Calendar

Elections	Voter Registration Deadline	Election Date
Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election	February 1, 2016	March 1, 2016
Special Runoff Date	February 1, 2016	March 29, 2016
General Primary Election, Nonpartisan General Election, and Special Election	April 26, 2016	May 24, 2016
General Primary Runoff, Nonpartisan General Runoff Election, and Special Runoff Election Date	April 26, 2016	July 26, 2016
General Election	October 11, 2016	November 8, 2016
General Election Runoff Date for Local and State Offices	October 11, 2016	December 6, 2016
General Election Runoff Date for Federal Offices	October 11, 2016	January 10, 2017

Key Dates

January 1, 2016	Earliest day to file and publish a notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in the General Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-133 (a)
January 12, 2016	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the March Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election §21-2-384 (a)
February 1, 2016	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election and March Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224 (a) Last day to fix and publish qualifying fees for offices to be filled during the 2016 Election Cycle. §21-2-131 (a)(1)(A)
February 8, 2016	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
February 20, 2016	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election §21-2-385 (d)(1)
March 7, 2016	Earliest day for a Political Party Candidate to file a Declaration of Candidacy to have his or her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-153 (c)(1)
9:00 A.M.	Earliest day for a Non-Partisan Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his or her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-132, 21-2-172, 21-2-187
March 11, 2016	Last day for a Political Party Candidate to file a Declaration of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-153 (c)(1)
12:00 Noon	Last day for a Non-Partisan Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. §21-2-132, 21-2-172, 21-2-187

March 18, 2016	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Non-Partisan Write-In Candidate. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (a)
March 23, 2016	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Non-Partisan Write-In Candidate has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (b)
April 5, 2016	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election §21-2-384 (a)
April 26, 2016	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224 (a)*
May 2, 2016	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
May 14, 2016	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election §21-2-385 (d)(1)
June 27, 2016 9:00 A.M.	Earliest day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132; 21-2-187
July 1, 2016 12:00 Noon	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132;21-2-187
July 5, 2016	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
July 12, 2016 12:00 Noon	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file their Nomination Petition to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132
September 6, 2016	Last day to file the notice of intention to be a write-in candidate and have notice published in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-133 (a)
September 12, 2016	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Write-In Candidate has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-133 (b)
September 20, 2016	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Election/November Special Election §21-2-384 (a)
October 11, 2016	Last day a person may register and be eligible to vote in the General Election/November Special Election /Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-224(a)*
October 17, 2016	Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election/November Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
October 29, 2016	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the General Election/November Special Election. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
As soon as possible	Absentee ballots shall be mailed out as soon as possible prior to the General Election Runoff/November Special Election Runoff for Local and State Offices. §21-2-384 (a) Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election Runoff/November Special Election Runoff for Local and State Offices. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
November 22, 2016	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Election Runoff of Federal Offices. §21-2-384 (a)
December 19, 2016	Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election Runoff for Federal Offices. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)

**O.C.G. A. §21-2-14. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or discharge of any duty prescribed or required by this chapter shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day for the exercise of such privilege or the discharge of such duty.*

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Key Dates in 2016

UOCAVA Deadline for PPP/Special: Saturday, January 16

Registration Deadline for PPP/Special: Monday, February 1

Advance Voting begins for PPP/Special: Monday, February 8

Mandatory Saturday Voting for PPP/Special: Saturday, February 20

Presidential Preference Primary (PPP)/Special Election: Tuesday, March 1

Qualifying Dates: Monday, March 7 – Friday, March 11

UOCAVA Deadline for Primary/ Nonpartisan/Special Election: Saturday, April 9

Registration Deadline for Primary/ Nonpartisan/Special Election: Tuesday, April 26 (Monday is Confederate Memorial Day holiday)

Advance Voting begins for Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Election: Monday, May 2

Mandatory Saturday Voting for Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Election: Saturday, May 14

Primary/General Nonpartisan/Special Election: Tuesday, May 24

UOCAVA Deadline for Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Runoff: Saturday, June 11

Registration Deadline for Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Runoff: Tuesday, April 26

Advance Voting begins for Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Runoff: Tuesday, July 5 (Monday is Independence Day holiday)

Primary/General Nonpartisan/Special Runoff: Tuesday, July 26

UOCAVA Deadline for General/Special Election: Saturday, September 24

Registration Deadline for General/Special Election: Tuesday, October 11 (Monday is Columbus Day holiday)

Advance Voting begins for General/Special Election: Monday, October 17

Mandatory Saturday Voting for General/Special Election: Saturday, October 29

General/Special Election: Tuesday, November 8

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Registration Deadline for General/Special Runoff for Local and State Offices: Tuesday, October 11

General/Special Runoff for Local and State Offices: Tuesday, December 6

UOCAVA Deadline for General Runoff for Federal Offices: Saturday, November 26

Registration Deadline for General Runoff for Federal Offices: Tuesday, October 11

Advance Voting begins for General Runoff for Federal Offices: Monday, December 19

General Runoff for Federal Offices: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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